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GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS

During the month of March, librarians will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop that will cover grant writing and fund raising.

The presenter will be Karen Everett, Billings. Topics will include pre-planning, how to organize your material, steps for preparation, interviewing prospective funders, and lobbying.

Dates and places for the March workshops are:

- o March 18 - Great Falls Public Library
 - o March 20 - Missoula City-County Library
 - o March 22 - Park County Library
 - o March 23 - Miles City Public Library
 - o March 25 - Glasgow City-County Library
- Contact Alene Cooper, Montana State Library, for additional information.

MONCAT PROGRESS REPORT

Review and evaluation of the Pilot Moncat project have been conducted in meetings of participants and the Interlibrary Loan Committee during the summer and fall. The draft report containing project findings and recommendations will be distributed for review by Montana librarians in January 1985. At that time, comments on the report can be directed to the ILL Committee either in writing or at its next meeting, March 15, 1985.

The First edition of the Montana union catalog, Moncat, will be distributed to interested Montana libraries in February. Order forms were mailed to libraries in October.

Contact Darlene Staffeldt if you did not receive one.

Training on the use of Moncat and basic principles

of interlibrary loan procedures will be conducted during February in ten communities. The calendar inserted in this issue of the *News* lists training dates and locations. Information on sites and times will be provided in a January mailing to libraries. The training session will be useful to any staff members who are involved in ILL operations, regardless of the type of resource sharing tools used by the library.

In conjunction with the introduction of Moncat, specially adapted ILL forms will be available from the State Library in January. An order form is included as an insert in this issue of the *News*.

For more information on Moncat, contact Darlene Staffeldt at the State Library.

LSCA REAUTHORIZATION

Despite a veto warning, HR 2878, the Library Services and Construction Act was signed into law October 17, 1984. Intense grassroots efforts by the library community apparently convinced President Regan of the bill's merits.

HR 2878 provides for a

five year extension of existing Titles I, II and III, plus three new titles: Title IV, Library Services for Indian Tribes; Title V, Foreign Language Materials Acquisition; and Title VI, Library Literacy Programs.

The allotments for Montana are:

- o Title I, Public Library Services - \$415,093

- o Title II, Public Library Construction - \$165,656
- o Title III, Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing - \$93,038.

A new feature of HR 2878 is forward-funding which allows the money to be spent when it is allocated to the state. In the past it took 3 to 6 months to obtain spending approval.



The Troy Branch of the Lincoln County Library was dedicated November 2, 1984. The new building was constructed with a Title II LSCA construction grant and matched with local funds from Lincoln County. The land was donated by the City of Troy. Participants in the ceremony included Glenn Mueller, chair of the library board, Roy Lindsey, Troy County Commissioner, and Sara Parker, State Librarian. Pauline Blanchard, Troy Librarian, was presented with a gift in appreciation of her 40 years of service. Inez Herrig, Director, Lincoln County Free Library, indicates that the new building will enable more library services to be available in Troy.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PLANNING EFFORTS

Several federation and public library groups have been formed to address long range goals.

The Pathfinder New Direction Committee was organized in spring 1984. It is composed of trustees and librarians and provides input into the Federation Advisory Board's long range plans and policies. Lilly Eveland, Blaine County librarian, is chair.

Rick Streib chairs the Long Range Planning Committee of the Jefferson County Library Board. This group will conduct a survey of Jefferson County to investigate library services within the county and surrounding areas.

An automation committee has been organized by the Broad Valleys Federation to review future prospects of automation and how the federation can best make use of them.

MEYER APPOINTMENTS

The Library and Information Resources for the Northwest program of the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust has appointed two task forces. The Collection Assessment Committee is assessing information resources in all types of libraries in the Pacific Northwest. Montana members are: Noreen Alldredge, Dean of Libraries, Montana State University; and Michael

MONTANA WEEK OF THE ARTS

January 27 to February 3, 1985, is Montana's Week of the Arts. Governor Ted Schwinden will present the Governor's arts awards at a January 31 ceremony in Helena. Six Montanans will be honored for significant artist achievements.

The celebration includes dedication of the art for the State Library-Justice Building, February 1.

Montana's Week of the Arts offers groups and organizations the opportunity to celebrate and focus attention on the importance of arts in community life. The Montana Arts Council invites participation from Montana communities. It is hoped that coordination will happen between groups through cultural calendars, statewide publicity in recognition of community programs and events.

Please share your plans with the Arts Council, 35 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59620.

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Ober, College Librarian, Flathead Community College, Kalispell. Ruth Patrick, Dean of the Mansfield Library, University of Montana, and Paul Dunham, Director of Research and Services, Montana University System, Helena, were both appointed to the Information Delivery Group. Its charge is to identify demonstration projects using electronic techniques to deliver information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watch for State Library Administrative Rules

Revisions which will be published in the **Montana Administrative Register**, November 29, 1984, Issue No. 22. The Register can be found by December at the Clerk of the District Court or the Clerk and Recorder office. A public hearing is planned for January 24, 1985, 3:30 PM, Montana State Library, Helena, MT. Written and oral comments must be submitted by that date.

On January 24, 1985, the Montana Library Association will sponsor a continuing education workshop in **Basic Microcomputer Skills**, presented by the Information Services Div. of the Dept. of Administration. It will be held 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Mitchell Building Room 14, Capitol Complex, in Helena. Registration is \$50. For information contact Patricia Roberts, Census and Economic Information Center, Dept. of Commerce, Helena MT 59620, 444-2896 or 442-0415.

Study guides for **Vietnam: a Television History**, are still available from the State Library. The 13-part series will be re-aired on PBS television (KUED, Salt Lake City) beginning January 5, 1985, Saturdays at 11 PM. Libraries in cable-TV communities may want to re-stock their supply of guides. The series is also available on videotape from the University of Montana Instructional Materials Service and can be borrowed at no charge. Contact the State Library if you would like to receive study guides.

The Trustees and Financial Management Workshops have been developed into 1/2 and 3/4 inch video cassettes. Libraries wishing to view either workshop may borrow them from the Reference Department, Montana State Library.

During 1984 five Montana libraries received grants ranging from \$800 to \$25,000 from the **Burlington Northern Foundation**: Missoula City-County Library, Havre Public Library, Plains Public Library, Polson City Library, and Lewis and Clark County Library. According to Pat Hiatte, Burlington Northern representative, there is no restriction on how libraries can use the funds. The application process is explained in a brochure which can be obtained from Pat Hiatte, Burlington Northern Foundation, 600 Norwest Bank Center, 175 N. 27th St., Billings, MT. 59101.

Supt. Ed. Argenbright has appointed a task force to review the **Office of Public Instruction's Audiovisual Library** and make recommendations regarding its future. The first meeting was November 15th. The Task Force plans to complete its work before the upcoming legislative session. It is chaired by Jim Burke, Livingston. The Task Force is conducting a random survey of schools in the state regarding their use of the Library and their plans for use of the newer technologies. For further information contact Sheila Cates, OPI, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59620, 444-2979.

Several Montana libraries use the electronic mail service, **Ontyme II**, for inter-library loan requests. Tymnet, the parent company, has been expanding its network of telecommunications nodes throughout the country this year. Presently Tymnet nodes are located in five Montana cities: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, and Missoula. If you are interested in a node in your area you are encouraged to write to: Clint De Gabrielle, Vice President, Marketing and Field Operations, Tymnet Inc. 2710 Orchard Parkway, San Jose, CA 95134. Provide an estimate of your monthly hours of use. And send a copy of your letter to the State Library so we can monitor the telecommunications needs of Montana libraries.

Borderlines is a new monthly newsletter which explores relations between Montana and the three Canadian provinces along its border. The publication focuses on analysis of such current topics as "Politics and Policy," "Border Water," and "Trade Investment." Subscriptions to **Borderlines** are \$24/year. Contact The 49th Parallel, 309 Montana Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717, 994-6690.

Are you interested in obtaining reference material about **small business** operations? Libraries can receive free publications from the Small Business Administration. Six Montana libraries presently house SBA collections. For more information contact: Small Business Administration, 301 Park St., Drawer 1054, Helena MT 59601.

AROUND THE STATE

The State Library Commission has made the following appointments to the Advisory Council. **Carleta Wilson**, Special Services/Upward Bound Program, Eastern Montana College, represents the disadvantaged. **Arlyne Reichert** of Great Falls has been appointed to represent the users of libraries within the Pathfinder Federation. **Bill Zook**, Pine Hills School, represents institutional libraries.

Cara Lou MacKay is the new librarian at St. Patrick's Hospital, Missoula. She replaces **Jody Anderson** who plans to write a music book and pursue her music talents.

The State Law Library has hired **Christopher Noe** as reference librarian. **Chris** was the reference librarian at Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Carbondale, IL.

The Ronan City Library recently joined the Tamarack Federation. **Gladys Zohner** is the new Library Director.

Personnel changes at the Montana State Library: Coordinator of Volunteer Services, **Linda Brander**, has resigned. **Sheena LaMere**, Reference Services, has been promoted to that position. **Beth Furbush**, secretary, has taken a library technician position at the Office of Public Instruction.

Dennis Reed is the new college librarian for the Fort Peck Community College in Poplar, MT.

Debbie Gwenn, Medline Analyst at Billings Deaconess Hospital, has resigned to take a position in Indiana.

Shopping bags, buttons and bumper stickers bearing the slogan **I'd Rather be Reading** are among the promotional items currently available from the Association of American Publishers, Inc. Bulk orders are available at cost plus shipping and handling. For details, contact **Parker Ladd**, AAP, One Park Ave., New York, NY 10016, (202) 689-8920.

COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

On October 25, 1984, the Montana State Library Commission met at the Hearst Free Library, Anaconda.

- o The Federation Review Report was accepted.
- o Action on the Long Range Plan was postponed until after the legislative session.
- o It was moved to pursue

legislative clarification of the State Librarian's position so that this position is handled similar to other agency directors.

- o Action on the establishment of a continuing education committee was postponed pending more information.
- o Approval of the University of Montana Journal-

ism Library retrospective conversion grant was ratified.

- o The Title II construction grant returned by Philipsburg was added to the Glasgow City-County Library grant. Approval was given to Missoula City-County Library to change its construction grant plan pending federal level acceptance.

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